Assistance for Soviet-aided power projects

*9. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA :
SHRI RAJ MOHAN GANDHI :

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) which are the power projects for which technology and credit had 'been committed by the former Soviet Union;

(b) what is the outcome of the discussion held by the high-level inter-ministerial team which, recently, visited the Republic of Russia on the prospects of these projects;

(c) what is the schedule of assistance for the Tehri Project expected from Russia or the other Republics referred to; and

(d) how does Government now propose to proceed with these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) The power projects being set up with technical and financial assistance from the former Soviet Union are the following ;—

1. Vindhyachal Super Thermal Power Project Stage-I (1260 MW)
2. Vindhyachal Stage-I Transmission Line
3. Kahalgaon Super Thermal Power Project (840 MW)
4. Tehri Hydro Power Complex (2400 MW)
5. Vindhyachal Supe.r Thermal Power Project Stage-ll (1000 MW)
6. Vindhyachal Stage-ll Transmission Line
7. Maithon Thermal Power Porject (840 MW)
8. Kayamkulam Thermal Power Project Stage-I (420 MW)
9. 'Mangalore Thermal Power Porject Stage-I (420 MW)
10. Dulhasti-Kishenpur-Srinagar Transmission Line.

(b) to (d) The High Level Inter-Ministerial Team had detailed discussions with their counterparts in Russia and Ukraine in January, 1992. The status of the implementation pf the projects mentioned in (a) above was reviewed and the availability of State to State credit and Commercial credit for these projects was discussed. The Russion Federation indicated the likelihood of continued availability of credits for power projects in India subject, however, to mutual agreement regarding the quantum and the terms of credit.

Export of natural rubber

*10. SHRI N.E. BALARAM: DR. Z.A. AHMAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allowed the export of 14,000 tonnes of natural rubber to arrest the crash in its prices; and

(b) if so. what are the details thereof and to what extent it has helped in arresting the crash in the prices of rubber?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Government has allowed export of 14,000 metric tonnes of natural rubber consisting of 3,000 tonnes of centrifuged latex (dry rubber content), 5.000 tonnes of ISNR-20 grade of crumb rubber, and 6,000 tonnes of off-grade rubber (other than RMA-4 and RMA-5 grades) by private exporters, keeping in view the surplus availability and to arrest the decline in price.

So far, no export has been made and hence it is premature to assess the impact of export on rubber prices in the domestic market.

Introduction of Solar Energy for domestic and industrial use at subsidised cost

*11. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Wiil the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be phased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to introduce Solar Energy for domestic and insdustrial use at subsidised cost; and

(b) if, so what are the details in this regard?